

REMARKS

Claims 11-25 are pending in this application. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 11-12, 14-15 and 19-21 have been canceled. Claims 13, 16-18 and 22-25 have been amended to place them in condition for allowance.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication in the Office Action dated May 18, 2006 that claims 18-21 contain allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, allowable base claim 18 has been rewritten to include all of the limitations of its respective base claim 11 and intervening claims 12 and 14. Claims 11, 12 and 14 have been canceled.

Claim dependencies for claims 13, 16-17 and 22-25 have been amended to make each of these claims dependent to allowable base claim 18. The remaining pending claims 15 and 19-21 have been canceled because these claims would have been redundant. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments address the objections indicated in the Office Action dated May 18, 2006; and place pending claims 13, 16-18, and 22-25 in condition for allowance.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); the amendments satisfy the objections asserted in the previous Office Action by the amendment of allowable base claim 18 and the corresponding dependencies of remaining claims; and the amendments do not present any additional claims. For at least these reasons, entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Should the examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Petition for Extension of Time

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